The Council re-assembled at the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, the 31st January 1923, the hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR Avargal, K.C.S.I., C.I.E., President, presiding.

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

[*Order made by the President of the Madras Legislative Council under Standing Order No. 15—*

(1) Printed copies of the questions and answers to be put and given at a meeting of the Council shall be placed on the Council table an hour before the President takes his seat.

(2) The questions shall be put and answered in the following manner :—

The Secretary shall call the name of each interpellator in alphabetical order, specify the serial numbers of his questions, and make a sufficient pause to allow him or any other member a reasonable opportunity of rising in his place if he is desirous of asking a supplementary question. Supplementary questions must be put immediately after the principal questions to which they relate.]

Trained Mappilla teachers who are without employment.

723 *Q.*—Mr. A. D. M. BAVOTTI SAHIB : With reference to my question No. 600 at the meeting of the Council held on 19th December 1922 and the answer thereto regarding trained Mappilla teachers who are without employment, will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to call for the information ?

A.—Yes.

Scholarships to Mappilla pupils.

724 *Q.*—Mr. A. D. M. BAVOTTI SAHIB : With reference to my question No. 625 at the meeting of the Council held on 21st December 1922 and the answer thereto regarding scholarships to Mappilla pupils, will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to call for the information ?

A.—The hon. Member may get the information from the District Educational Officer, Malabar.

Strength of the district educational councils in Malabar and South Kanara.

725 *Q.*—Mr. A. D. M. BAVOTTI SAHIB : Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) the strength of the district educational councils of the districts of Malabar and South Kanara ;

(*b*) the number of Muhammadan members on each ;

(*c*) the number of non-official Muhammadan members of Malabar Council ; and

(*d*) whether the Government cannot increase the number of non-official Muhammadan members on the Malabar Council ?

A.—(*a*) Thirty-five and twenty-seven respectively.

(*b*) The number of nominated seats reserved for Muhammadans on the Malabar and South Kanara councils is 2 and 1 respectively. The total number of Muhammadan members on the two councils is 5 and 2 respectively.

(*c*) Four.

(*d*) It is open to local bodies represented on the District Educational Council to elect a larger number of Muhammadans.